



## DCHI WEEKLY FORECAST & HIGHLIGHTS

**November 7, 2017**

Office of Policy and Strategy

### COMMUNICATIONS

- **Choose Safe Places Video**

- Check out the new *Choose Safe Places – Call to Action* Animated Video. The video highlights the importance of choosing safe places for early care and education (ECE) programs to reduce children's risk of being exposed to dangerous chemicals during their care (CSP website: <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/safeplacesforECE/index.html> or You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIgkY0ORGyk>).

- **Choose Safe Places**

- DCHI will host a *Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education (CSPECE)* webinar on **Monday, December 4, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PST / 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST**. Registration is required: <http://bit.ly/CSPECE>.
- The purpose of this webinar is to provide an overview of the ATSDR's, ***Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education*** (CSPECE) strategy for professionals in public health, community planning, licensing, zoning, environmental protection, early care and education, and other individuals who are interested in learning more about ATSDR's CSPECE strategy to ensure the safety of ECE locations within their communities. NCEH/ATSDR staff who are interested in learning more can also participate.

- **Upcoming Events / Save-the-Dates**

DCHI Brown Bag Lunch Session

- Make plans to attend the November Brown Bag session on **Wednesday, November 8 at 11:30 a.m. EST**. Several DCHI staff who assisted with the Hurricane responses in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands will discuss their assignments, conditions in which they worked, successes, challenges, and tips on preparing for a deployment.
- The session will be held at the Chamblee Campus, Bldg. 106, 8A. Regional Offices and teleworking can [Join Skype Meeting](#) or participate by phone (770) 488-3600 or (855) 644-0229. Conference ID: 6349605.

- **Media Inquiry**

Uroboros Glass

- The Portland Mercury Reporter, Daniel Forbes is writing on the risks that may apply to students at a school building up the hill from the fine art glass factory and is seeking input from ATSDR for his series on air toxics in Portland, OR. The draft responses developed by Region 10 are undergoing review.

## Ames Fire

- WTAP-TV News (NBC affiliate) Reporter, Todd Bauch is covering the Ames Warehouse Fire in Parkersburg, WV. The reporter is seeking an interview to discuss the technical assistance ATSDR provided to the responding agencies as they continue to address the incident. The local health department posted the TA on their website: <http://www.movhd.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Public-Health-Update-on-Ames-Fire.pdf>. NCEH/ATSDR Office of Communication will ask reporter to provide his specific questions for the development of written responses.

- **CDC-INFO Inquiry**

- Inquiry received from a clinician related to PFAS exposure from a contaminated private well (POFA – 200 ppt, total PFAS – 400 ppt) and breast feeding. NCEH/ATSDR Senior leadership discussed and decided it would be best to contact the clinician by phone to discuss his concerns.

## POLICY, PARTNERSHIPS & EVALUATION

- **FOIA**

- #18-00071- closed

- **OD Data Request**

- Request for 2017 HHS Tribal Consultation Report
  - Received: October 23, 2017
  - Due Date: November 8, 2017

## DCHI PRIORITIES

- **New! Preserving the Past and Building for the Future Healthy Howardville**

- The Howardville video provides the history and examples of ways this community is engaged in addressing a contaminated site with a goal to improve community health (<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/brownfields/videos.html>).

- **Land Reuse**

- Toolkits**

- Staff is awaiting Office of Financial Resources approval for the Land Reuse Toolkit Evaluation Pilots. Staff and contract Sensis continue to analyze feedback from beta testers and BROWN stakeholders to finalize and improve the toolkits. Staff received the final, few eClearance comments. Staff is meeting with Sensis in Atlanta the week of November 6 to finalize the toolkits with all input and then will resubmit for final eClearance.

- Website**

- Staff working to consolidate and reorganize the existing website. They will combine some sections to reduce the number of pages and will highlight all land reuse tools and resources (e.g. Action Model, Site Tool, Land Reuse Toolkits) under a “healthfields tools and resources” page heading.

- Environmental Health and Land Reuse Certification Course**

- Staff has updated the OMB/Paperwork Reduction Act documents and provided to P Vempaty for review (Supplements A, B, Federal Register Notice documents).

### Conferences and Abstracts:

- Staff preparing for three sessions at the December Brownfields 2018 Conference. Staff updated their abstract for the National Environmental Health Association Conference, and is finalizing an abstract for the National Environmental Justice Conference.

### PFAS

- **Warminster, PA:**

- The Navy and Air Guard have scheduled the next Willow Grove Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) public meeting in Horsham, PA for December 2017. ATSDR R3 and PADOH will participate.
- PADOH has released the Addendum 1 for the Warminster/ Willow Grove cancer data review to their website on Nov. 1, 2017. It can be found here:  
[http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Environmental%20Health/Documents/Cancer%20Data%20Review%20\(1985-2013\)%20-%20Addendum%201.pdf](http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Environmental%20Health/Documents/Cancer%20Data%20Review%20(1985-2013)%20-%20Addendum%201.pdf)

- **Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ**

- R2 attended bi-monthly interagency site meeting on 10/31/17. USAF informed the interagency about a congressional inquiry. It was from a resident who complained about not being offered well sampling services. USAF responded directly to the inquiry, explaining that the resident was 7 miles outside of the sampling area. A copy of the congressional inquiry was shared with responsive agencies to maintain situational awareness.

- **Wolverine Worldwide, MI**

- The Wolverine investigation is expanding, with the county performing water sampling of up to 400 private wells near the waste disposal sites (up to 13 possible landfills). The PFAS levels in well water have been up to 30,000 ppt. MDHHS is planning to make a formal request of CDC/ATSDR for epi support, which is undergoing final clearance at the state. ATSDR should be prepared for a response based on the tools that are available. They have the PEATT, but they may be looking for actual staff being deployed (e.g. ACE, Epi-Aid).

### OPPE "HOT" SITES UPDATE (PFAS Sites Designated in Red, updates highlighted in Yellow)

EASTERN BRANCH	PRODUCTS	ROLLOUT PLANS
<b>Pease International Tradeport – Portsmouth, NH</b> Public Wells <a href="http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/d8ecf41c-b192-46b0-b53c-e794daa21e99">http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/d8ecf41c-b192-46b0-b53c-e794daa21e99</a> Private Wells <a href="http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/a1a0044c-234e-4142-8a4e-d3dc13d04068">http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/a1a0044c-234e-4142-8a4e-d3dc13d04068</a>	2 Health Consultations/Public Comment Release Public Well Target Date: 12/31/2017  Private Well Target Date: 12/31/2017	Communication Plan: Yes for both reports
<b>Willow Grove Naval Air and Air Reserve Station (Horsham) – Horsham, PA</b> <a href="http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/1d7a7426-c438-4cd4-a20c-e5add5b1ad80">http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/1d7a7426-c438-4cd4-a20c-e5add5b1ad80</a>	1 Letter Health Consultation/Final Release Target Date: 12/31/2017	Communication Plan: Yes
<b>Saint-Gobain Performance Plastic Facility – Hoosick Falls, NY</b> <a href="http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/40100b8a-4842-45f0-91e2-f0fd291ff0c1">http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/40100b8a-4842-45f0-91e2-f0fd291ff0c1</a>	1 Letter Health Consultation/Final Release Target Date: 12/31/2017	Communication Plan: Yes

CENTRAL BRANCH	PRODUCTS	ROLLOUT PLANS
Camp Lejeune Potential for Soil Vapor Intrusion – Camp Lejeune, NC <a href="http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/1d1c6183-9ce5-4721-80cb-4a2c82827116">http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/1d1c6183-9ce5-4721-80cb-4a2c82827116</a>	Public Health Assessments/Final Report 2 Target Date: 12/31/2019	Communication Plan: Yes
U.S. Smelter and Lead Refinery, Inc. (aka USS Lead) – East Chicago, IN <a href="http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/7c79b705-fbd4-49bb-a289-6a8b9ec5a5e9">http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/7c79b705-fbd4-49bb-a289-6a8b9ec5a5e9</a>	Health Consultation/ Final Target Date: 02/15/2018	Communication Plan: Yes
WESTERN BRANCH	PRODUCTS	ROLLOUT PLANS
Bonita Peak (formerly Gold King Mine) – Bonita Peak Mining District, CO <a href="http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/f06ddaf9-b5b4-4b48-98db-d81171c5b1f6">http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/f06ddaf9-b5b4-4b48-98db-d81171c5b1f6</a>	1 Public Health Assessment/Final Release Target Date: 8/31/2018	Communication Plan: Yes
Coldwater Creek – St Louis, MO <a href="http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/ae8610f6-4d30-4c41-b6d8-299f570f8aea">http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/ae8610f6-4d30-4c41-b6d8-299f570f8aea</a>	1 Public Health Assessment / Comment Release Target Date: 6/30/2018	Communication Plan: Yes
Former United Zinc & Associated Smelters (Lead) Iola, KS <a href="http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/f42f3d0d-f5b9-41a2-877a-35407bb09ceb">http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Activity/Details/f42f3d0d-f5b9-41a2-877a-35407bb09ceb</a>	Exposure Investigation Report Target Date: 01/04/2018	Communication Plan: TBD

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PEPH Webinars:**

- **Wildfires & Human Health** - November 17, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST, PEPH will host a webinar focused on wildfires and human health, registration is required. Presenters will discuss how the environmental exposures associated with wildfires affect human health and the approaches being used to develop targeted risk communication about wildfires.
- **Health Implications of Mountaintop Mining and Coal Ash** - December 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST, the webinar will be focused on understanding the health implications of mountaintop mining and coal ash, registration is required.

#### DCHI Hurricane Deployments and Details As of November 7, 2017

Name	Status	Deployed To	Date Deployed	Assignment	Event	Return Date
Leah Graziano	Deployed	Puerto Rico	11/02/2017	IRCT Deputy Lead for Taskforce	IRMA/MARIE	11/15/2017
Leann Bing	Deployed	Orlando	11/1/2017	Landscape Asmt	IRMA	11/22/2017
Donna Chaney	Deployed	Atlanta EOC	10/2/2017 (extended)	Support Services for responders	HARVEY	12/2/2017
Luis Rivera Gonzalez	Deployed	Puerto Rico	10/12/2017	Hospital/Shelter Monitoring/water	MARIE	Est. 11/2/2017

Chris Poulet	Deployed	Puerto Rico	10/13/2017	IRCT Deputy Lead for Taskforce	MARIE	Est. 11/3/2017
Scott Sudweeks	Deployed	Puerto Rico	10/22/2017	EH on 3-prsn team	MARIE	Est. 11/16/2017
Morris Maslia	Deployed	Puerto Rico	10/23/2017	EH on 3-prsn team	MARIE	Est. 11/16/2017
Arthur Wendel	Deployed	Orlando	11/1/2-17	Landscape Asmt	IRMA	11/22/2017
Aaron Grober	Deployed	Atlanta IRCT	11/4/2017		ALL	11/30/2017
Motria Caudill	Deployment Delayed – 30 days	Puerto Rico		EH on 3-prsn team	MARIE	
Steve Jones/Deborah Burgin	Active**	Washington, DC	9/4/2017	Technical assistance to EPA	ALL	As needed basis

## A LOOK AHEAD

Date	Branch/ Region	Description
November 13-16, 2017	(EB/R3)	SETAC North America Meeting, Minneapolis, MN. ATSDR to participate
November 14-16, 2017	(EB/R3)	Regional Response Team meeting, Lancaster PA. ATSDR to participate.
November 14-18	(WB/R10)	Anchorage Alaska, Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management (ATCEM). Also meeting with other state partners.
November 25- December 2, 2017,	(EB/R3)	ACUMAR (la Autoridad de Cuenca Matanza Riachuelo) risk communication/strategic risk communication planning workshop, Buenos Aires, Argentina. ATSDR to co-facilitate with OD Tefler.
December 4, 2017		The Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education webinar with State and Territorial Health Officials and partners is scheduled for December 4 at 11:00 a.m. PST / 2 p.m. EST. More details to come.
December 5-6, 2017	(EB/R1)	RRT. ATSDR staff will attend meeting in Hadley MA.
Dec. 5 – 7, 2017		Dr. Arias will be attending the Brownfields 2017: Sustainable Communities Start Here conference in Pittsburgh, PA. DCHI's Laurel Berman is among the presenters.
December 6, 2017	(EB/R3)	Former Lead Smelters EPA SoilSHOP and blood screening event, Philadelphia PA. EPA, NKCDC, Summerset Neighbors for Better Living and Philadelphia Department of Public Health expected to participate with ATSDR.
December 6-8, 2017	(EB/R3)	December 6-8, 2017, NIEHS SRP Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA.
January 8-9, 2018	(WB//R10)	Puyallup, WA: Tribal Winnable Battles summit: Supported by ATSDR cooperative agreement with ASTHO. Arthur Wendel helping plan and implement summit.

- In the office this week: <http://intranet.cdc.gov/nceh-atsdr/dchi/default.htm> Look under the "About Us" section
- For more information on our division's activities, here is the SharePoint link to the EHPM **Weekly Management Report by Branch**  
Note: This link is for internal DCHI staff only. For more information on the Highlights report, please contact Rose Jackson at rkj3@cdc.gov